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POSTMASTER NAMED FOR THIS CITY

W. P. Quinlan, Secretary of the Commercial Club, Appointed by Pres. Wilson to Succeed Republican Official

Washington, Jan. 11.—President Wilson today nominated W. P. Quinlan to be postmaster at Grants Pass, Oregon.

The above announcement, received by the Courier from the national capital, marks the close of a most spirited contest, the position of postmaster of Grants Pass, the coveted plum, going to W. P. Quinlan, who for four years has been secretary of the local Commercial club. There were numerous candidates for the office, and for the past three or four weeks the appointment was looked for daily. Postmaster Donnell's term having expired the middle of December.

While the appointment of Mr. Quinlan has not yet been confirmed by the senate, favorable action of that body is anticipated, as both Oregon senators are understood to have been agreed upon the appointment. The supplying of the necessary bond and the issuance of the commission will occasion some delay, but if there comes no hitch in the unwinding of the red tape, Mr. Quinlan will probably qualify by the first of the coming month.

Uncle Sam requires a bond of \$8,000 from the local postmaster to guarantee the faithful performance of the work, and prefers that this be a personal bond, though a surety bond is now sometimes approved.

George W. Donnell, who will retire from the office with the coming of the democratic appointee, has held the position for eight years, and has given general satisfaction. He was allowed to hold out his full term even under a democratic president, and will have served a considerable more than his term by the time his successor can qualify. While there were a multiplicity of candidates for the democratic appointment, none, it is understood, ever attempted to have Mr. Donnell's removal brought about, his retirement being in keeping with the policy of giving the post offices to representatives of the party in power.

SHIP COMBINE IS BEING FORMED

(By United Press Leased Wire)
New York, Jan. 11.—Charles W. Morse, a mighty power in financial circles before he was sentenced to Atlanta federal prison, is forming a new world ship combine, according to reports today. He has already gathered together 13 companies, each of which will furnish a ship, and this combine is understood to have strong Wall street backing.

Three million dollars have already been paid for the ships, and a separate company will be incorporated for each ship, with a holding company for all. The new seamen's law gave Morse the idea whereby he expects to merge the forces of individual owners who say they can not do business alone since the law went into effect.

The companies in the new combine are those owning the Frederick, Oruo, Ocoma, Northland, Huron, Lansing, Minneapolis, St. Paul, William Castle Rhodes, Oswego, Chemung, J. G. McCullough and Zelandia.

CONSCRIPTION IN GREAT BRITAIN IS NOW ASSURED

London, Jan. 11.—Overwhelming passage of the government's conscription bill to the second reading became apparently certain tonight with announcement from John Redmond, Irish leader, that Irish opposition to compulsion has been withdrawn.

The fact that Ireland is excluded from operation of the bill won over several Irish leaders, and then in conference Redmond defeated the minority of his colleagues who favored continuing objection to the proposal.

Though J. Anderson, independent laborite member, moved rejection of the conscription plan, Laborite Will Thorne was hailed with cheers when he announced that Anderson was not representative of the labor party's position.

Efforts will be made tomorrow in a conference with labor leaders to win their support so that the bill may finally pass as nearly unanimously as possible, to show Great Britain's enemies that she presents a united front in the situation.

PROSPERITY IS ON WAY TO THE COAST

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—Prosperity is sweeping toward the Pacific coast, the 1915 tabulation of foreign trade from the port of San Francisco showed today. It was made public by J. O. Davis, collector of the port.

Both exports and imports showed a large gain over the same period in 1914. San Francisco's exports in 1915, exclusive of Pacific coast, Hawaiian and Philippine island trade, were valued at \$81,203,554; in 1914, \$64,784,092.

Imports in 1915 were valued at \$82,947,817; in 1914, \$69,995,210. The total business for the year from the port to foreign ports was \$164,073,371. War and the stimulus given to American exports are assigned by shipping men as the reasons for the increased business.

WOOD ALCOHOL KILLS THREE IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Jan. 11.—T. Takana, a druggist, is in jail today and will be charged with manslaughter for selling wood alcohol which is alleged to have caused several deaths. Three men died yesterday from wood alcohol poisoning, bringing up to 12 the total number who have succumbed to cheap liquor substitutes since the dry law became effective.

Detectives declare they saw Takana sell two pints of wood alcohol. John Burns, John Alton and an unidentified man are the latest victims of alcoholism. Henry Gilmartin, 28 years old, is in a serious condition from the same cause. Five men who say they bought wood alcohol from Takana are held in the city jail as witnesses.

PLANS FAIL TO EXTEND BIG STRIKE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Youngstown, O., Jan. 11.—Plans to extend the strike of steel workers here to the Carnegie and the Brier Hill plants failed today to materialize.

The strike was slated for noon and was to call out the common laborers of both plants in a demand for an increase of wages to 25 cents an hour.

The failure of the plan was taken as an indication that there will be no sympathetic strike in the Mahoning valley and that the men are satisfied with the recent increase in wages from 19 cents to 22 cents an hour.

BULL MOOSERS WILL MEET SAME DAY AS G.O.P.

Members of Party Who Favor Amalgamation With the Republicans Win Victory When Convention Date Is Fixed As June 7th and the Place As Chicago, Coincident With Meeting of the Old Organization

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The bull moose convention will be held in Chicago June 7, the same day as the republican convention.

Selection of this date stands as a victory for those in favor of amalgamation with the republican party if terms for such combination can be arranged.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—"Peace with honor" is the only kind of peace the bull moose will accept from the G. O. P. If this kind of a peace can be obtained, three-fourths of the bull moose national committeemen favor amalgamation with the mother party.

This was the outstanding feature today as the bull moose national committee got down to the business of their gathering here. A national convention, simultaneous with the republican session, appears extremely likely; and if Colonel Roosevelt, or a progressive republican, is nominated by the G. O. P., the bull moose party will become a memory. The only bar to such a situation is the bull moose fear that the standpatters will control the republican convention and squash a Roosevelt boom before it can be developed.

Committeemen Lyon and Hotchkiss declared that amalgamation presents the only possibility of defeating President Wilson; and they think that the majority of republicans feel the same way.

Some line as to the bull moose attack in the event they again get into the fight was given last night in a banquet for the committeemen when George W. Perkins criticized President Wilson's foreign policy and called it vacillating.

The committee must arrange representation in the convention based on the vote Roosevelt received in the last election and it was expected this would consume several hours, though such a scheme would be merely perfunctory if the party decided on amalgamation. A strong minority favored waiting

GREAT BRITAIN MAKES READY FOR COMMERCIAL EXPANSION AFTER WAR

London, Jan. 11.—England may insert in final peace terms with Germany a clause by which Germany will bind her own hands in the matter of commercial expansion.

With Great Britain's announced intention of striking at the roots of German trade, it was learned today that commercial experts have suggested that one of the most effective methods of doing this would be to insert a clause in the peace terms whereby Germany would agree to refrain from export business for a period of years.

Leading business men today approved the speech of President Runciman of the board of trade in which he announced the war-to-the-hilt policy against German trade and finance. Advocates of cutting off Germany's export business declared that while the British navy as mistress of the seas could enforce such a plan, Germany might "buy her way out" through heavy indemnities.

Meanwhile, the board of trade is inquiring as to the possibility of a general boycott agreement between the entente allies, under which these powers would refuse to buy German products in the period after the war. Simultaneously, England is preparing

POPE WILL TAKE STEPS AT ONCE TO END WAR

Rome, Jan. 11.—Pope Benedict hopes to take the first practical step toward peace this week. Cardinal Mercier of Belgium and Bishop Heylan of Namur are expected here and will be granted an audience with his holiness, when they will tell him the terms upon which Belgium will agree to an early peace.

The pope has been convinced from the beginning of the great war that restoration of Belgium is an imperative preliminary to any peace terms, and it is understood that he has so notified both sides.

In the recent consistory, Cardinal Hartmann of Cologne submitted Germany's terms for evacuation of France and Belgium. The pope next desired to learn the Belgians' views, and to this end Germany readily consented to passage of the prelates to Rome.

Several members of the Belgian relief commission from London are already in Rome and it is understood that the vatican will solicit their views as to the solution of the Belgian problem. After learning the terms of Belgium, the pope plans to submit them to Germany, hoping to begin a series of compromises he believes necessary to peace.

Though Belgium has been conquered by invasion, the fact that she has the backing of the allies places her in a position at least to formulate the terms which the pope seeks.

DAIRY HERD CREMATED IN BURNING BARN

Portland, Jan. 11.—Officers today are investigating a mysterious fire which late last night destroyed a barn, cremating 28 valuable dairy cattle and one horse. The barn was owned by the Irvington Dairy company. The fire was not discovered until it had gained such headway that it was impossible to save any of the livestock.

WOMEN DELEGATES VISIT THE SENATE

Washington, Jan. 11.—Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago, and a delegation of the Woman's Peace party, holding a convention here, appeared today before the house and senate foreign committees and presented their peace and anti-preparedness plan. This proposes:

- A congressional investigation of national defense within six months.
- A peace conference of neutrals immediately.
- Government ownership of munitions plants.
- Creation of a joint commission of Americans, Japanese and Chinese to study oriental questions.

LUSITANIA CASE IS UP TO BERLIN

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 11.—While the state department had no word today that the Bernstorff-Lansing amended agreement in the Lusitania case had reached the Berlin foreign office, it was expected that it would be in Secretary Jagow's hands by tonight.

Officials are confident that a complete acceptance of American demands would be forthcoming.

With the Lusitania case out of the way, Secretary Lansing will devote his time to completion of the lengthy note concerning contraband lists in effect with the allies. While it is not stated that it will be directed against Great Britain, it is certain that Great Britain's contraband list will be the first subject for protest in view of England's command of the seas.

WATER RATE QUESTION IN CLUB

Committee Reports That City Attorney and the Company Manager Are Working on New Schedule for Summer

The special committee appointed at a previous meeting of the Commercial club to investigate the question of water supply and rates for the city of Grants Pass reported back to the club last night. The report stated that conferences had been held with the manager of the local water company, and that a project was now under way by which it was hoped a satisfactory adjustment of rates could be made before another summer season. Manager Clark of the water company and City Attorney H. D. Norton are now working upon a new schedule for the summer months, and through this it is hoped water can be supplied at a rate that will permit of more general sprinkling of lawns and flower gardens. The committee was continued for further investigation and report. The committee that had been authorized to investigate the water supply from wells north of town reported that it was making inquiry, but had no definite findings to report at this time.

The club decided to become active participants in letter-writing week activities, and a form letter will be prepared by Messrs. Geo. Lundberg, A. E. Voorhies and Dr. Walker for our citizens to send to their friends throughout the east next week. Letter-writing week was instituted through the efforts of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and many thousands of letters are to be sent out telling probable tourists of the natural wonders that should call them to Oregon on their outing this summer.

PROPOSED BATTLESHIPS TOO BIG FOR DRY DOCKS

Washington, Jan. 11.—Battle cruisers proposed by the administration program are too large to enter the navy drydocks of either coast, Rear Admiral Stanford told the house naval committee today. He declared, however, that the docks at Puget sound can be enlarged.

OPPOSE PROGRAM FOR PREPAREDNESS

Washington, Jan. 11.—Rising opposition to the administration preparedness program, reported existing throughout the entire nation, was considered today by President Wilson and his cabinet. The president also conferred with Chairman Hay of the house military committee on the same subject.

It was understood the executive's plan for a big continental army is apparently doomed, but that national sentiment favors some increase in the regular army and the increase of the militia as a reserve army.

In addition to making speeches in support of his program, President Wilson plans to wield his personal influence with congressmen to counteract the anti-preparedness influence of former Secretary Bryan.

KISSING COMES HIGH IN BINGHAMPTON, NEW YORK

Binghampton, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Colonel George E. O'Neill, millionaire, was fined the biblical penalty of 50 shekels for stealing a hug and a kiss from a pretty dressmaker. The amount is about \$400.